

## SEARCHERS FIND MURPHY'S REMAINS

Locate Body in Badly Decomposed Condition  
On a Mesa Within a Few Hundred  
Feet of Four Mile Springs

**Searching Party Works Seventy-Two  
Hours Before Discovering the Body  
of the Unfortunate Victim.**

The tension which has attended the fate of Francis Murphy, stories of whose disappearance have appeared in the Bonanza the past two days, was relieved yesterday morning about 9 o'clock when word was received in Tonopah by telephone from Ellendale that the searching party that had been out in quest of the body had found the remains.

Immediately thereafter Coroner Atkinson, accompanied by Undertaker Marsh, chartered the auto-car which plies between Tonopah and Manhattan and started for Four Mile Springs, where they were met by members of the searching party, and with them proceeded to the place where the body was resting and tenderly gathered it up and returned with it to town.

Returning with the coroner's party were several members of the searching crew, among whom was A. B. Covey, from whom the Bonanza gleaned many important facts and details in connection with the story that follows of Murphy's tragic death.

The story, of course, of Murphy's wanderings and death is made up more or less of presumptions, but these fit in so aptly with the known details and circumstances, that Murphy can be followed almost from the moment he left Tonopah till he reached the spot where he died his agonizing death.

As is well known, Murphy left Tonopah a week ago last Monday with Dr. E. K. Smith, who is conducting some mining operations at Georges Canyon, with the idea of returning the following day with the team, which had been rented from Cal Wilson. When several days had elapsed, however, and the team had not returned, Wilson became worried, and Monday morning of this week he started for Georges Canyon to investigate. He had not proceeded far into Georges Canyon, which he reached that evening, and but a couple of miles from Smith's camp, when he found the team and top covered buggy standing in the middle of the road, the lines hanging down and entangled in the sage brush along the side of the road. Wilson then proceeded up the canyon where several camps are established and notified Dr. Smith, the Fancher brothers and Henry Wildegrube of his finding of the team and his suspicions that Murphy had perished.

From Smith, Wilson learned that the former and Murphy had reached camp Tuesday evening of the week before and the following day, Wednesday at noon, Murphy had started on his return trip to Tonopah, Smith supposing that he had reached home that night.

It was at once evident that Murphy had become lost, so that evening and early again the following morning, Tuesday, as soon as daylight permitted, the party, consisting of Wilson, Smith, the Fancher boys and Wildegrube, took up the back trail with the purpose of locating Murphy or his remains. They had proceeded to a point but a short distance from Four Mile Springs, when they discovered that in traveling homeward the team had abruptly turned and left the road and taken to the brush, so here, it was naturally presumed, that Murphy's first mishap befell him, and here was taken up the trail which eventually led to the discovery of the body. The supposition is that at this point Murphy was seized with an epileptic fit, to which he had been subject for years, and losing control of himself, fell over the dashboard of

the ground, taking with him the upper part of his whip, about a foot of the stock remaining in the whip-socket, and in falling he also evidently broke the stay-strap that binds the pole of the buggy to the axle. Here the party, with the exception of Wildegrube, proceeded to search for Murphy, Wildegrube going on to Stone Cabin, a distance of four miles, to notify the Cliffords. Arriving there and telling his story, a party, consisting of Tom, John and Ed Clifford, Fred Antoniazzi and Wildegrube, was organized and immediately went back to Four Mile Springs and began the search for Murphy. The searching party at this stage was also augmented by the arrival of A. B. Covey and John Holmes, from Tonopah.

Assiduously the search was kept up all day Tuesday and far into the night, but not a trace of Murphy could be found. Wednesday the quest was resumed, but without avail, as all possible traces had been obliterated by the heavy rains which had fallen the several days previous.

Yesterday morning, when the party assembled at the rendezvous at Four Mile Springs and had but clambered the precipitous walls that mark that part of the canyon, there came to them the odor of decaying flesh, and with this evidence to lead them they were not long in locating the body at a point about 800 feet distant from the spring and in a small well up in the mesa.

The body was found lying face downward, badly decomposed, the face, fingers and hands badly bruised and torn from the struggles which he had made before death relieved him from his sufferings. About him were his shoes, which he had taken off, and his keyes and tobacco sack. For several feet about the body either way the ground was dug up, where Murphy, in his dying struggles, had grabbed for a hold. The searchers on finding the body, covered it with canvas, and it remained hidden from view until the arrival of the coroner and undertaker, who placed it in a box which they had brought with them and it was then carried to Tonopah, where it now lies in the undertaking establishment of Wonnacot and Hall.

It is the opinion of the party who found the body that when Murphy fell from the wagon he was kicked by one of the horses, but not badly injured, though probably dazed, and in this condition he likely started off in search of the team, which on becoming freed had run away. And it is possible that he lay where he fell for some time and when he came to himself and not being able to locate the team he climbed the stiff walls of the canyon with the idea of getting to the top of the mesa where he could get a better view, and laboring under intense excitement he was attacked by another fit and died from its effects.

Shortly after the arrival of Murphy's body in town Coroner Atkinson collected a jury consisting of John Hauser, S. Fox, W. Bryden, J. P. Lindsay, William Sawle and J. W. Skelton. In the evening the jury viewed the remains and this afternoon at 4 o'clock the inquest will be held.

Murphy had been a resident of Tonopah for about six years and by vocation was a bartender. He had worked in a number of the prominent resorts and was well liked by all the people with whom he had dealings. His former home was

in Covington, Kentucky, where a mother and sister reside. They have been notified of his death by telegraph, but up to the time of the Bonanza going to press no wires have been received from them.

### IS THERE ANOTHER MYSTERY?

The parties who returned from the search for Frank Murphy's body report that on the first day of the hunt for Murphy's remains they were constantly bewildered by the footprints of some individual who was wandering about the section where Murphy was subsequently found, but the tracks seemed to lead nowhere. They were made by a person wearing a shoe that was nearly new, as every part of the shoe was easily discernable in the soft earth. They could not have been made by Murphy as the shoes he wore showed signs of wear and were well up on the back of the heel. The incident of finding these traces has given so much anxiety to the late searching party that they will return to Four Mile Springs and make an effort to determine whether or not another poor unfortunate is roaming about on the desert.

### HONOR FOR THE CLIFFORDS.

Too much credit cannot be given the Clifford boys of Stone Cabin for the efforts they made in searching for and locating the body of Francis Murphy. They labored early and late, from the moment they were notified of the disappearance of Murphy till they located his remains. They are composed of the stuff of which heroes are made.

Another untiring searcher was Henry Wildegrube. He rode in the saddle for 72 hours searching for the unfortunate man that perished on the desert.

The funeral of Francis Murphy, who perished on the desert a few miles from Georges Canyon, will take place at 8 o'clock this morning from Wonnacot and Hall's undertaking parlors.

## BELIEVED THAT JAPS COMMITTED AWFUL CRIME

**Damning Evidence Accumulating That  
the Son of Nippon Killed the Kendall  
Family.**

By Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Cal., August 4.—With the discovery of the mutilated trunk of a woman's body in a canyon near the Kendall home late today, the last hope that Mrs. Ura Kendall might have escaped the fate of the other members of her family have been abandoned. The find was made by a posse led by Sheriff Smith. The discovery early in the day of a blood soaked cot and the blood spattered walls on the porch of the house spurred the tired posse to renewed efforts, although but little additional evidence of the crime was uncovered until the searchers were on the point of abandoning the hunt for the day.

The remains of the woman were found at the bottom of the canyon, headless and legless. The body did not offer much chance for identification, but none doubt that it is all that is left of Mrs. Kendall. The torso was cruelly mutilated. Charles Enove, a Japanese, of Guerneville, is in jail here, to be held as a witness against Henry Yamaguchi, who is being

## ENGLISH FRIENDS OFFER ASSISTANCE TO DR. CRIPPEN

By Associated Press.

QUEBEC, August 4.—The mysterious friends of Crippen, who have retained counsel to defend him of the charge of murder, proffered further assistance by cable today. Two messages were received by the dentist in his cell today. The first asked if he needed funds; the second inquired about rumors to the effect that he had confessed. Crippen replied by cable that he would appreciate some money, and reassured his friends that he had made no admission that would hurt his case. It was said that a local attorney sent word today to Miss Leneve offering to represent her in any legal proceedings. She declined his services, saying her case was Crippen's and that she would return to England to make her fight with him.

### ELECT GRAND OFFICERS.

By Associated Press

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 4.—The election of officers and competitive drills occupied the attention of the Knights of Pythias grand encampment and supreme lodge convention today. Vice Chancellor George Hanson of Maine was elected supreme chancellor and Thomas Carling of Macon, Ga., was elected vice chancellor.

### EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

By Associated Press

REDDING, Cal., August 4.—A pronounced earthquake lasting 10 seconds, was felt here at 5:30 this afternoon. No damage.

### OVER \$6,000 RECEIVED.

The report of Frank Mannix for the month of July to Puddy Grimes, county auditor, shows that the sum of \$4,887.74 was received by him during the month from delinquent taxes, tax sales, personal taxes, poll taxes, fees and hunting licenses, all of which was apportioned to their proper funds. From gaming and slot machines the sum of \$1,134.90 was received.

## OKLAHOMA SOLON MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGES

**Senator Gore Claims He Was Offered  
a Large Sum of Money to Push  
Corrupt Legislation.**

By Associated Press

MUSKOGEE, Okla., August 4.—What happened in the private office of United States Senator Thomas P. Gore, at Washington at noon of May 6th last, formed the basis of sensational charges involving the names of Vice President Sherman, Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, Congressman McGuire of Oklahoma and others, in a hearing before the special congressional investigating committee which is meeting here today. During the conference held in that office, Gore testified he had been approached by Jake L. Hamon, former chairman of the Oklahoma territorial republican committee, also former chairman of the Oklahoma state republican committee. He said he was offered a bribe of \$25,000 or \$50,000 to remove certain legislation pending before congress, so that \$3,000,000 might be paid to J. F. McMurray, an attorney of McAlester, Oklahoma, and his associates. The money was represented as "attorney's fees" and was 10 per cent of \$30,000,000 which was secured from a New York syndicate for 450,000 acres of coal and asphalt lands now owned by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians of this state. Sherman's name was mentioned by Hamon, Gore testified, as being "interested" in the land deal to the extent of favoring the approval by congress of what was known as the McMurray contract with the Indians.

What happened in another private room in Washington, where it was alleged, Hamon also made more "overtures," was told by Congressman C. E. Creager, of the

third Oklahoma district. Creager supplemented the testimony of Senator Gore. He said that on June 16 he was invited by Hamon to meet him in a private room of the Occidental hotel at Washington. Having gone there, Creager testified, he was informed he could have a "substantial interest" in a land deal if he would withdraw his opposition to the approval of the McMurray contracts by congress. Creager testified that no figures were mentioned, as he made it plain he was not open to be influenced, as he had already gone on record as being firmly opposed to the granting of such enormous fees to attorneys. Creager stated McGuire was present in the room with Hamon and McMurray at the time. Clerks of Gore testified to having been invited by McMurray and Hamon to "frogleg" suppers in Washington at which Indian contracts were to be "talked over." These invitations, it was declared, were all "turned down."

Senator Gore, in his testimony, asserted that the offer of bribery went so far that Hamon said that the \$25,000 or \$50,000 would not be paid over in the form of a check or marked money, but that "it would all be clean hard cash." The committee that heard the charges was appointed by resolution of the house of representatives to investigate the McMurray contracts, which, it was declared, had been made by McMurray individually with 10,000 Indians, each of whom agreed to turn over 10 per cent of their profit from the sale of their lands, provided the contracts were approved by congress.

## SAYS ROOSEVELT WOULD SWEEP THE COUNTRY

**Colonel Nelson of the Kansas City Star  
Would Support Teddy if He  
Ran for President.**

BEVERLY, Mass., August 4.—

Colonel William Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star, who is spending the hot weather at his summer home near here called on President Taft this afternoon. On his way out to the president's cottage the colonel said he was not going to talk politics if he could help himself. On his way to see Taft Mr. Nelson was interviewed by a group of newspaper men and when asked what he thought of the possibility of the next house being democratic he said:

"It looks as if it would be either democratic or insurgent. At any rate, you can bet it will be anti-Cannon. Kansas," the colonel said, "is filled with men who either made the state or the sons of men who made it. They think progressively out there, they act progressively. People of the east don't understand Kansas. But just watch Kansas and you can come pretty

close to seeing what the rest of the country will do. Many republicans seem to think the republican party is made up of a majority of the voters of this country. In that they are wrong. The democrats have never put up a candidate for president who ought to have won who did not win. Take Cleveland and Tilden for example."

"All this does not mean you are going to support Judson Harmon, does it?" queried a venturesome reporter.

"Not against Roosevelt."

"Do you think Roosevelt can come back?"

"Come back!" snapped the colonel, "why he'd sweep the country, but I don't think he will run unless he has to."

Taft leaves this morning for Provincetown, Mass., where he will review a fleet of fifteen battleships, and speak at the dedication of the Pilgrim's Monument.

### MERRY DEL VAL

MAY RESIGN

By Associated Press

ROME, August 4.—An unconfirmed report is in circulation that Cardinal Merry Del Val has expressed his intention of resigning the post of papal secretary of state immediately after the settlement of the controversy between the Spanish government and the vatican.

### GUILD MEETING.

A meeting of St. Mark's Guild will be held in the guild room at St. Mark's church at 2:30 this afternoon.